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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. 194-2012

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE:

July 26, 2012

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK RESOLUTION NO. 2012-30

This LTC is to inform you that the Village of Biscayne Park submitted Resolution 2012-30 for your review.

 Resolution No. 2012-30 – Urging And Encouraging The Florida State Legislature To Enact Legislation Banning The Marketing, Possession, Trafficking And Furnishing Of "Bath Salts" Containing Dangerous Synthetic Drugs.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305.673.7411.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, URGING AND ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION BANNING THE MARKETING, POSSESSION, TRAFFICKIING AND FURNISHING OF "BATH SALTS" CONTAINING DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, certain synthetic hallucinogenic drugs marketed as "bath salts" are powerful stimulant drugs that are suspected to have been designed to avoid prosecution; and

WHEREAS, "Ivory Wave", "Purple Wave", "Vanilla Sky", and "Bliss" are all among the many street names of a so-called designer drug known as "bath salts"; and

WHEREAS, with recent developments involving individuals' use of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs, stricter measures must be taken to stop the growing prevalence of this designer drug; and

WHEREAS, dangerous drugs like "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs are terrorizing our communities and destroying lives; and

WHEREAS, citing an "imminent threat to public safety", the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") made illegal the possession or sale of all known chemicals used to make "bath salts" for a one-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park urge the DEA to make the ban permanent, in order to protect our communities; and

WHEREAS, by marketing these products as "bath salts" and labeling them "not for human consumption", specifically enumerating them as illegal has been avoided; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the abuse of "bath salts" has been increasing and have become increasingly popular due to the perception that they pose a seemingly safer alternative to illegal methods of getting "high"; and

WHEREAS, "bath salts" are readily available on the internet, at convenience stores, discount tobacco outlets, gas stations, pawn shops, tattoo parlors, and other locations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission believe that legislation banning the marketing, possession, trafficking and furnishing of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs will give law enforcement the tools they need to keep our streets safe from this new and emerging drug that ruins lives and causes havoc in communities across the country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, THAT:

The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby Section 1. ratified and confirmed by the Village Commission.